Distribution of forest land to tribals

1243. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal pending with Government related to distribution of forest land to tribals in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of families estimated to begiven possession certificates;

(d) whether any cut-off date fixed for issuing certificates;

(e) whether necessary clearance have been given to the proposal; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (f) No, Sir. On the basis of the proposal submitted by the State Government of Kerala, the Ministry of Environment and Forests has accorded approval in February, 2004 for diversion of 7,693.22 hectares of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for resettlement of landless tribals.

Review of the steps taken to protect tigers

1244. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review of the steps taken to protect and promote tigers in different national parks, reserves and sanctuaries in the country, following the special surveys undertaken at the behest of the Prime Minister's two years back has since been made;

• (b) if so, the increase or decrease in tiger population during the period, sector-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken in that direction in the light of such surveys and reviews?